GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Diversion of 12.28 Ha. of forest land in Coringa Extn.R.F. of Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of sub-sea pipeline buries below river bed and consisting of one well fluid pipeline, one effluent disposal pipeline and one optical fiber cable for the Deen Dayal (West) Development Project, in favour of M/s. Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited (GSPC Ltd.) - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O Ms.No. 83 **Dated: 09-08-2016.**

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF& HoFF, AP, Lr Rc.No. 2044/2014/ FCA-1, Dated.16-8-2014
2. State Govt. letter No.4961/Section-II/2014, Dated.23-8-2014.
3. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, New Delhi F.No.8-85/2013-FC(vol), Dt.11-11-2014
4. State Govt. Lr.No. 4961/Section-II/2014, Dated. 6-12-2014 .
5. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, New Delhi F.No.8-85/2013-FC(vol), Dt.20-7-2016.

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1st read above, has submitted a proposals under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 12.28 Ha. of forest land in Coringa Extn. R.F. of Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of sub-sea pipeline buries below river bed and consisting of one well fluid pipeline, one effluent disposal pipeline and one optical fiber cable for the Deen Dayal (West) Development Project, in favour of M/s. Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited (GSPC Ltd.) and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change vide their letter 3rd read above, has accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the project, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

4. Accordingly, the State Government vide letter 4th read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, while according in-principle (Stage-I) approval. The State Government vide further letters dated. 12-1-2015, 3-2-2015 & 23-4-2015 have furnished certain additional information as desired by the Government of India.

5. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change in their letter 5th read above, have accorded Final (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 12.28 Ha. of forest land in Coringa Extn.R.F. of Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of sub-sea pipeline buries below river bed and consisting of one well fluid pipeline, one effluent disposal pipeline and one optical fiber cable for the Deen Dayal (West) Development Project, in favour of M/s. Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited (GSPC Ltd.), subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

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6. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, for diversion of 12.28 Ha. of forest land in Coringa Extn.R.F. of Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of sub-sea pipeline buried below river bed and consisting of one well fluid pipeline, one effluent disposal pipeline and one optical fiber cable for the Deen Dayal (West) Development Project, in favour of M/s. Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited (GSPC Ltd.), subject to the following conditions:-

i. Legal Status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

ii. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over the non– forest land equal in extent to the forest land being diverted at the project cost;

iii. Non- forest land which is transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation shall be declared as Reserve Forest under Section– 4 or Protected Forest under Section -29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act. The Nodal Officer must report compliance within a period of 6 months from the date of grant of this approval and send a copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under relevant section of the local Forest Act as the case may be, to the MoEF&C.C for Information and record;

iv. The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;

v. User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall create and maintain alternate habitat / home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird nests artificially made out of eco-friendly materials shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project.

vi. User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;

vii. User Agency and the State Government shall ensure to comply with the additional conditions stipulated by Standing Committee of the NBWL and the Supreme Court in respect of diversion of the said forest land;

viii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.

ix. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;

x. User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;

xi. Boundary of the forest land proposed to be diverted shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS coordinates;

xii. Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal:

xiii. The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions and also to the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I clearance to State Government, concerned Regional Office, MoEF&C.C, Chennai and New Delhi regularly.

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xiv. Any other condition that the Regional Office, Chennai of the MoEF&C,C may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and

xv. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval for which undertaking have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines & Hon'ble Supreme Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
Dr. P.V.RAMESH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER